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Staff Assembly Current: Coffee chat, new SAC members

Hi! This is your monthly Staff Assembly e-newsletter, the Staff Assembly Current. As staff members at UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, you are ALL part of UC ANR Staff Assembly. Thank you for being an integral part of our organization!

We on the Staff Assembly Council help advise senior leadership and advocate on your behalf, and we also organize programs and events that promote your professional and personal development. *(Note: Academics are members of our counterpart entity, Academic Assembly.)*

We promise not to clutter your inbox, but in addition to emails with critical deadlines and reminders, we will send you an e-newsletter on the **second Tuesday of each month**, starting in September. It will alert you to upcoming events and opportunities – and ways you can take advantage of Staff Assembly programs such coffee chats on key topics (see below), education reimbursement, wellness reimbursement and more.

If you know of a staff member who isn't receiving these emails, please notify our communications chair, Mike Hsu, mjhsu@ucanr.edu, so they can be added to the list.

Next Coffee with the Assemblies: Leadership changes

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 11:30 a.m –12:30 p.m.

Chief of Staff Kathy Eftekhari will provide a brief overview of recent changes to the UC ANR leadership structure, with Q&A and discussion following her presentation.

Coffee with the Assemblies is your opportunity to hear the latest from Staff Assembly Council and Academic Assembly Council in an informal "coffee chat" setting – and to share your feedback and ideas on SAC and AAC work. It also offers a venue for the assemblies to work together in a spirit of a collaboration.

No RSVP necessary, so please stop by!

Zoom link:

https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/91088948257?pwd=TGFSWkdTcUdrT0FBei9LQ1grWVU0dz09

Meeting ID: 910 8894 8257

Passcode: 939036

Dial by phone: 1 669 900 6833

Help develop script for course on "Living the ANR Principles of Community"

ANR Learning & Development is working on an eLearning course that will help employees operationalize the words of the ANR Principles of Community. The team is seeking staff to be a part of a workgroup to develop the script for the training, which will be loosely adapted from the UC Davis course Living the Principles of Community.

Roles on the workgroup include writing and editing, gathering images/videos, reaching out to narrators and assisting with project management.

The first meeting is slated for the end of August, and the project timeframe runs from Sept. 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023. Time commitment is approximately 5 hours per month, including monthly check-in meetings.

To express interest, please fill out this survey by Thursday, Aug. 25.

Meet your Staff Assembly Council

The SAC meeting this week officially kicked off FY2023 for your new Staff Assembly Council members. We will be writing short bios so you get to know each of them better, but in the meantime, visit this page for their contact information and don't hesitate to reach out with any feedback, questions or concerns.

"We're looking forward to another year full of enriching and fun ways for staff at UC ANR to grow, learn, get well, be well and connect," said Scott Brayton, the new chair of SAC. "We'd love to hear your ideas on how we can serve you better and improve our work environment and culture, and how we can more effectively bring your thoughts to ANR leadership."

Submissions for future issues of Staff Assembly Current

We invite you to submit brief notices (150 words or less), directly related to Staff Assembly-led topics and programs, for inclusion in future issues of the Current. It will go out every month on the second Tuesday. Deadline for submissions is the last day of the previous month. Please ensure your item is relevant to all (or nearly all) UC ANR staff.

Email your submissions to Mike Hsu, SAC communications chair, at mjhsu@ucanr.edu. Thank you for your contributions!